

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CAROL ZIEGLER,

Plaintiff,

**1:06-CV-00917
(GLS/DRH)**

v.

**WARREN J. ADAMS and SANDRA
SLIPKO,**

Defendants.

APPEARANCES:

OF COUNSEL:

FOR THE PLAINTIFF:

Carol Ziegler
Plaintiff, *Pro Se*
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BRIAN S. LYDA, ESQ.

**Gary L. Sharpe
U.S. District Judge**

ORDER

Pro se plaintiff Carol Ziegler brings this action, pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, alleging sex discrimination by former supervisors. See *Dkt. No. 1*; see also 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, *et seq.* Pending is defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction. See *Dkt. No. 10*. For the reasons that follow, defendants' motion is granted, and the complaint is dismissed.

On July 28, 2006, Ziegler filed a complaint and *In Forma Pauperis* (IFP) application. See *Dkt. No. 1*. Subsequently, Ziegler's IFP application was granted. See *Dkt. No. 4*. However, for reasons unknown to the court, service on the defendants was not attempted by the U.S. Marshall Service until January 8, 2007. See *Dkt. No. 12*. Currently, service has yet to be properly executed. See *id.*

The court is well acquainted with the service requirements under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) and Local Rule 4.1(b). Here, it is not clear why service was not completed within the requisite time period. While the court could dismiss the complaint on this basis, it chooses not to since there are other deficiencies in the complaint. Specifically, the two named defendants are supervisors, and supervisors may not be held

personally liable under Title VII. *See Everson v. New York City Transit Authority*, 02-CV-1121, 2007 WL 539159, at *18 (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 16, 2007); *see also Tomka v. Seiler Corp.*, 66 F.3d 1295 (2d Cir. 1995). Moreover, even if Ziegler was afforded the opportunity to amend her complaint, she still would be unable to seek relief under Title VII. Based on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's findings, her employer, Warren J. Adams Contracting Corporation, maintains twelve employees. *See 5/5/06 EEOC Ltr.; Dkt. No. 10, Ex. 3.* Title VII only applies to employers with at least fifteen employees. *See 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(b).* Therefore, Ziegler is statutorily barred from bringing a Title VII action against Warren J. Adams Contracting Corporation. Accordingly, her complaint is dismissed, and defendants' motion to dismiss is granted.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, it is hereby

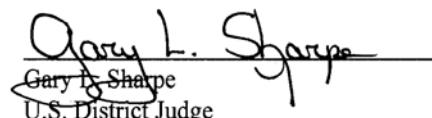
ORDERED, that defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction (**Dkt. No. 10**) is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED, that the complaint (**Dkt. No. 1**) is **DISMISSED** in its entirety; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Court provide a copy of this Order to the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 20, 2007
Albany, New York


Gary L. Sharpe
U.S. District Judge